

## **Boylston Finance Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**November 9, 2021**

Date/Time/Place: November 9, 2021, 6:15 pm, Zoom (due to technical difficulties, started at 6:22)

Attending: Stephanie Miczek, Howard Drobner, Greg Cusimano, Karen McGahie, and Eric Brose

Absent: David Butler

#### **Discussion/Actions**

The meeting was scheduled to review the Warrant Articles for the special town meeting that will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Eric sent us a link to the Selectmen's meeting Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. when we will be able to vote on the articles.

Article 1 – Open Space. Parks and Rec is sponsoring a bill (that it appears all selectmen are supporting) to purchase the Camp Harrington Property from the Greater Worcester Land Trust. The town's cost for the 16 Acres is about \$160,000, but if this passes this year the town is entitled to a grant to pay for 60% of that cost, so the net cost to the town is less than \$70,000. There are minimal ongoing costs, and opportunities for grants for any improvements to this property. The primary purpose is to keep the land for use of the trails and to have water access, with no plans to build on the property or ready it for field use.

Article 2 – There is a total of \$1,716.30 that will need to be transferred between funds.

Article 3 – With the switch from a town staffed Assessor's office to an external vendor (Regional Resource Group), the Assessors are looking to move the Salary line item to an Expense line item to pay for those services. Stephanie asked if this will be a long-term contract and Eric said it would. This will benefit the town with comparable costs.

Article 4 – Allow the town to recognize receipt of insurance proceeds in the fiscal year in which they are received, so that they can match up against the actual expenses, rather than waiting until the following fiscal year to recognize the funds.

Article 5 – The police are asking for \$60,000 to replace a 2016 Explorer with 133k miles that needs about \$10,000 worth of repairs. They currently only have 4 vehicles that are operational as cruisers so they are running them around the clock. There are 2 other vehicles in the shop and the Chief's car is not set up to be a cruiser.

Stephanie has agreed to do the minutes going forward and Karen agreed to update the spreadsheet.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.